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VS. DUSCLOPS

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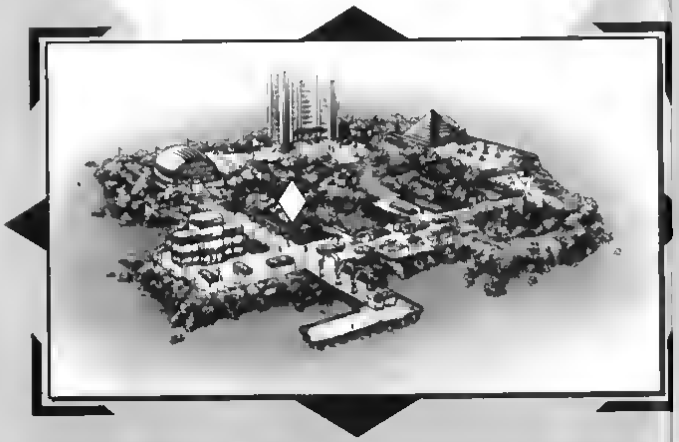
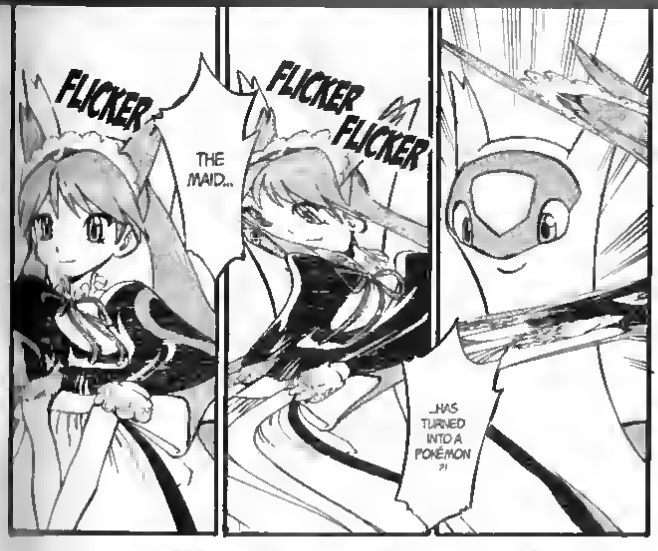


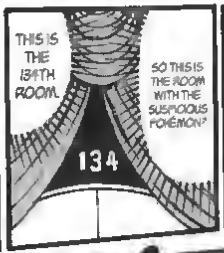
POCKET MONSTER SPECIAL THE SIXTH CHAPTER EMERALD



SWEAT
EH?
THIS HUMAN FORM IS MERELY AN IMAGE I'M MAKING YOU SEE THROUGH THE REFRACTION OF LIGHT.
I DID THIS SO THAT I CAN HELP RALD OUT IN SECRET!
GAAH! T-T-THERE'S THE SOUND OF SOMEONE'S VOICE IN MY HEAD!
OH, THAT'S JUST LATIAS TALKING TO YOU THROUGH TELEPATHY, DONCHA KNOW!
YES!

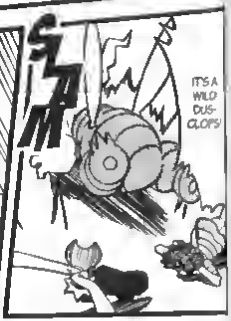
I THINK THAT YOU ARE TRUSTWORTHY. ALSO, YOU MAY BE OF SOME HELP TO US...
...THAT IS WHY I HAVE DECIDED TO TRANSMIT MY THOUGHTS TO YOU.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO THAT'S SO IMPORTANT YOU HAD TO DO ALL THIS, EMERALD?!
WELL, JUST WAIT AND SEE!


THIS IS THE 134TH ROOM.
134
SO THIS IS THE ROOM WITH THE SUSPICIOUS POKÉMON?

SLIDE

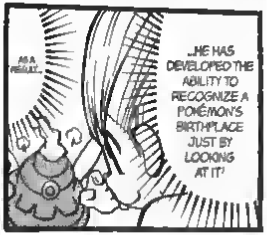
POUNCE


SLAM
IT'S A WILD DUSCLOPS!

LET ME SEE... THIS GUY WAS PROBABLY...
...BORN IN MOUNT FYRE!

IN THAT CASE!...
...THIS IS THE SOIL TO USE!
?!
STRETCH

THE PLACE IT WAS IN WAS IN?! AUGH..?! WHAT DO I?!
RALD HAS GONE TO MANY DIFFERENT PLACES AND COME INTO CONTACT WITH MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF POKÉMON


AS A RESULT...
...HE HAS DEVELOPED THE ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE A POKÉMON'S BIRTHPLACE JUST BY LOOKING AT IT!

PUTT
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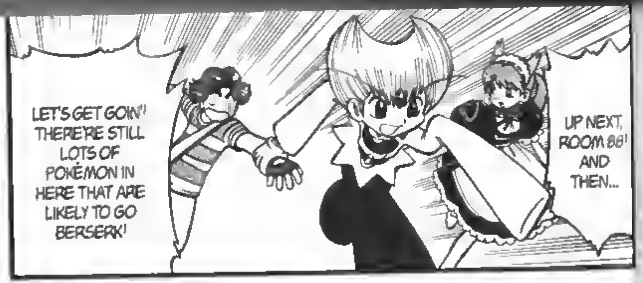
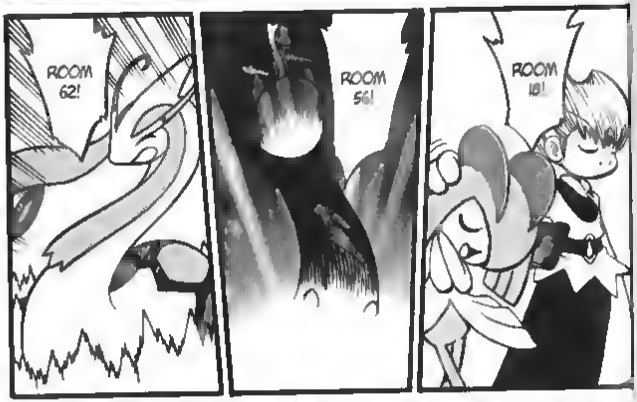
THE AMMUNITION HE'S SHOOTING OUT RIGHT NOW IS THE "SOIL" FROM THAT POKÉMON'S BIRTHPLACE!
FLARE
IT'S THE SAME THING THAT HAPPENED TO THAT SUDOWOODO AND SCEPTILE!
THE DUSCLOPS WAS ALL FIRED UP TO FIGHT, BUT EMERALD CALMED IT DOWN IN AN INSTANT!
THE SOIL...
THAT'S RIGHT! HE DID THIS TO THE SUDOWOODO TOO!

THIS IS "SOIL" FROM THAT DUSCLOPS' BIRTHPLACE?
IT'S SOIL FROM MOUNT PYRE!
THAT "SOIL" IS ATTACHED TO A SPECIAL TYPE OF "STRING", WHICH CREATES AN AREA THAT SURROUNDS THE POKÉMON ENTIRELY
THE SCENT OF THE SOIL OF ITS HOMETOWN MAKES EVEN THE ANGRIEST POKÉMON COME BACK TO ITS SENSES BY SOOTHING ITS HEART!
RALD CALLS THAT AREA A "FORMATION".
A ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU'VE BEEN BRINGING ALL KINDS OF "SOIL" AROUND WITH YOU ALL THIS TIME?!
YUP! WANNA SEE?
SPRONG
SPIN
IT'S TRUE..! YOU'VE GOT SOIL FROM HOENN...
...KANTO, AND EVEN JOHTO, STORED IN HIGH-COMPRESSION CARTRIDGES!


LET'S GET GOIN'! THERE'RE STILL LOTS OF POKÉMON IN HERE THAT ARE LIKELY TO GO BERSERK!
UP NEXT, ROOM 88! AND THEN...


ROOM 62!
ROOM 56!
ROOM 10!

PHEW... WE'RE FINALLY DONE!
SEE YA, LATIAS!

WAIT, EMERALD!

I KNOW HOW YOU MANAGE TO CALM POKÉMON DOWN IN AN INSTANT NOW, BUT...
...YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ME EVERYTHING YET, HAVE YOU?!

WHY WERE THERE SUSPICIOUS POKÉMON LURKING IN THE BATTLE FACTORY AND THE BATTLE PIKE?!
YOU SAID "SOMEONE" PLANTED THEM THERE, BUT WHO EXACTLY *IS* THAT "SOMEONE"?!

BATTLE FACTORY

ALL RIGHT...
CLINK

EVERYTHING IS IN PLACE NOW...

BUT...
...I MUST HURRY.
CLANK
I HAVE ONLY A SEVEN-DAY TIME FRAME TO CAPTURE JIRACHI...
...AND TWO DAYS HAVE ALREADY PASSED.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
A DEMONSTRATION BATTLE WITH THE PRESS AS THE AUDIENCE...
IT'S BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE AT THE FRONTIER THAT I AM UNABLE TO MOVE AROUND AS I PLEASE
I KEPT MAKING POKÉMON GO BERSERK IN THE DIFFERENT FACILITIES SO THAT THEY WILL DISMISS THE PRESS IN VIEW OF THE DANGER, BUT...
...SOMEHOW, THINGS ARE NOT GOING ACCORDING TO MY PLAN...
SOMEONE OUT THERE'S TRYING TO FOIL MY PLANS.
NEH HEH HEH... WHOEVER HE IS...
..HE MUST BE GOOD AT PREDICTING MY NEXT MOVE, DON'T YOU AGREE, SURSKIT?
NOH HEH... NOH HEH HEH... VERY WELL.
LET HIM COME. TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME... HEH HEH!

COME ON, EMERALD, TELL ME!
WHO'S THE MASTERMIND PULLING ALL THE STRINGS BEHIND THIS ENTIRE AFFAIR?
AND WHAT IS HIS MOTIVE?!
WHY ARE YOU PITTING YOURSELF AGAINST THAT PERSON?!
WHO WAS THE ONE WHO SENT YOU HERE?!
AND THOSE TWO POKÉMON... THAT LATIAS AND LATIOS... WHY ARE THEY HELPING YOU?!
HMM, OKIE-DOKIE!
I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING!
SINCE WE FOUND ME A PLACE TO SLEEP!
ABOUT YOUR FIRST QUESTION...
...WHAAH!
STRONG
WHAT'RE YA DOING?! LEMME GO!!
EEEK!! IS THE CRIMINAL ATTACKING ALREADY?!

UGH...
WHO'RE YOU CALLING A CRIMINAL?!
BWAHDON!!
...AND THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS!
WHY'D YOU ALWAYS SHOWING UP AT NIGHT! WHAT DO YOU WANT?!! THE CHALLENGE ONLY STARTS IN THE YELLOW LEAGUE, BUT IT?!
I COULDN'T WAIT.
HMPH... THAT WAS A JOKE, OF COURSE
I'M HERE TO GIVE YOU A PIECE OF ADVICE
ADVICE ?!
LIGHTS UP!!

FLASH
THIS IS...!!
IMPRESSIVE, ISN'T IT?
BEHOLD! THIS IS MY BATTLE PYRAMID!
THE FACILITY THAT TESTS YOUR "BRAVERY"!
SO WHAT?! BIG FAT HAIRY DEAL!!
WIGGLE WIGGLE
JUST LISTEN!
HOW LONG DID YOU TAKE TO COMPLETE...
...THE BATTLE FACTORY AND BATTLE PIKE?
HMM... I TOOK AROUND 15 HOURS FOR THE FACTORY AND AROUND 9 HOURS FOR THE PIKE, I THINK?
YEAH, WELL THEN...
GET IN!
TOSS
WHOA!!

SPLAT!!
OW!
?!
THIS IS THE INSIDE OF THE PYRAMID?!
WHOA, IT'S COMPLETELY DARK!!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO, BUT I'VE ALREADY MEMORIZED THE ROUTE OUT!
FIRST, I HAVE TO WALK STRAIGHT DOWN THIS WAY.
SPLAT
DO YOU GET IT NOW? MY FACILITY, THE BATTLE PYRAMID, IS A MAZE OF DARKNESS.
WHAT'S MORE, IT'S LIKE A DUNGEON THAT REARRANGES ITS INTERIOR EACH TIME YOU ENTER IT!
RIGHT THEN...
TRY GETTING BACK UP HERE.
HUH?! THERE WASN'T A DEAD-END HERE JUST NOW!!
WAHA-HA!!
OKAY!!
EH?! A DEAD-END?!
MAYBE IT'S THIS WAY?
UH OH...
WHEEZE... FINALLY MADE IT BACK OUT...
GOOD JOB!
LET'S HAVE ANOTHER ROUND THEN!
TOSS
WHOA!!
A MAZE OF DARKNESS THAT CHANGES ITS INTERIOR EACH TIME A PERSON ENTERS IT!
YOU MANAGED TO CLEAR THE FACTORY AND THE PYRE WITHIN HALF A DAY, DIDN'T YOU?
HOW-EVER...
NO MATTER HOW GOOD YOU ARE, YOU'D BETTER BE PREPARED TO SPEND MORE THAN 24 HOURS HERE...
...BEFORE YOU CAN EVEN THINK ABOUT GOING UP AGAINST ME, THE FRONTIER BRAIN OF THE PYRAMID!
AND THAT'S MY ADVICE FOR YOU!

M-MORE THAN 24 HOURS?! IS THAT WHY YOU WANTED TO START THE CHALLENGE TONIGHT INSTEAD OF WAITING TILL TOMORROW?!
EXACTLY! BESIDES, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHETHER WE START DURING THE DAY OR AT NIGHT IT'S PITCH BLACK INSIDE ANYWAY.
THE CHALLENGER CAN BRING ALONG THREE POKÉMON WHEN CHALLENGING THIS FACILITY
HE MUST FIND HIS WAY AROUND THE MAZE WITH HIS POKÉMON, REACH THE EXIT, AND ADVANCE TO THE NEXT FLOOR.
YOU ARE ALLOWED TO EXCHANGE THE POKÉMON YOU HAVE ON HAND AT EVERY SET.
EACH SET IS ACHIEVED BY REACHING THE PEAK OF THIS SEVEN-FLOOR PYRAMID!
AND YOU'LL ONLY BE ABLE TO BATTLE AGAINST ME AT THE FINAL FLOOR OF THE 10TH SET!
THAT MEANS HE'D HAVE TO LEVELS TO PASS THROUGH!
HEH HEH! NEEDLESS TO SAY, YOU WON'T JUST BE TRYING TO FIND YOUR WAY AROUND THE MAZE
YOU'LL MEET UP WITH VIRTUAL TRAINERS AND WILD POKÉMON IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR EXPLORATION, SO GET READY TO DO BATTLE!
...WILL HAVE TO LEAVE ALL YOUR ITEMS AND [illegible] WITH US BEFORE YOU START
THERE IS NO PLACE IN THE PYRAMID WHERE YOU CAN BRING YOUR POKÉMON TO FOR RECOVERY. INSTEAD...
...WE'VE DROPPED VARIOUS ITEMS ALL AROUND THE PYRAMID
YOU'RE FREE TO PICK THEM UP AND USE THEM AS YOU PLEASE
H-H... THOSE CONDITIONS ARE PLAIN HARSH!!
EVEN MORE SO THAN THE BATTLE FACTORY AND THE GRUELING BATTLE PIKE!!
WHAT?! ARE YOU STILL UP TO THE CHALLENGE AFTER LISTENING TO ALL THE RULES OF THIS FACILITY?!
YOUR "BRAVERY" IS BEING PUT TO THE TEST RIGHT NOW!!
WHO CARES WHAT I'M BEING TESTED ON! THE WORD "ESCAPE" IS NOT IN MY VOCABULARY!
I'LL DO IT!!
I'LL CHALLENGE THE BATTLE PYRAMID RIGHT AWAY!!

WELL SAID! FORGE BRAVELY ONWARDS WITH EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT!
AN ADVENTURE LIKE NO OTHER AWAITS YOU IN THIS BATTLE PYRAMID!!

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS! CHALLENGER EMERALD HAS MADE HIS DECISION TO BEGIN THE CHALLENGE RIGHT AWAY IN SPITE OF THE HOUR! PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE AS MANY PICTURES AS YOU WANT!
OOOH
CLICK
CLICK

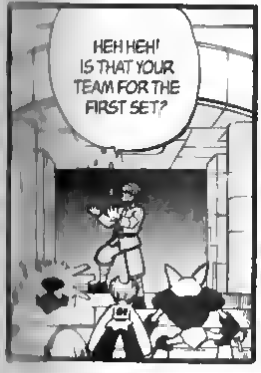
ALL RIGHT, I'VE DECIDED!!
THIS WILL BE MY TEAM!

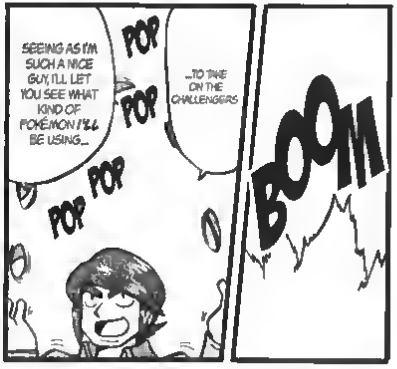
EMERALD, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
ABOUT WHAT?

ABOUT EVERY-THING!!
YOUR CHALLENGE AT THE PIKE WAS FINISHED JUST A FEW HOURS AGO! YOU HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO REST PROPERLY YET!
AND NOW YOU WANT TO TAKE ON THE BATTLE PYRAMID, WHICH MIGHT TAKE AT LEAST 24 HOURS TO CLEAR?! ARE YOU CRAZY?!
PC

OH WELL, IT'LL ALL WORK OUT SOMEHOW!
OH YEAH, I'D BETTER DECIDE WHICH POKÉMON TO BRING ALONG WITH ME!

LEMME SEE... SINCE I CAN'T TELL WHICH POKÉMON I MIGHT BUMP INTO FIRST...
TAP TAP
LET'S SEE WHAT I CAN COME UP WITH FROM THE INFORMATION JUST NOW...


HEH HEH! IS THAT YOUR TEAM FOR THE FIRST SET?


SEEING AS I'M SUCH A NICE GUY, I'LL LET YOU SEE WHAT KIND OF POKÉMON I'LL BE USING...
POP
POP
POP
POP
...TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGERS
BOOM

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Thank you for being here to cover the opening of the Battle Frontier facility!

Please allow us to continue explaining the rules of the facilities

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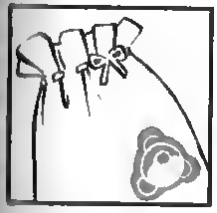
SUPPLEMENTARY RULES OF EACH FACILITY

BATTLE PYRAMID PART 2

The Battle Pyramid is the only facility whereby trainers are allowed to use items at their own discretion. Please allow us to give you a slightly more detailed explanation



■ ABOUT THE TOOLS THAT CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE FACILITY ■

The challenger will be issued a special Battle Bag, which can be used to store the various items that can be found around the Pyramid. At first it will contain two default items - a "Hyper Potion" and an "Ether". The items that were picked up can be brought into the next set if the challenger makes it to the roof of the Pyramid. If he loses, however, the bag will be reset to contain only the default items.

■ PREDISPOSITIONS OF THE POKÉMON THAT APPEAR AT EVERY SET ■

There will be many Pokémon who can use "Paralyze" on the first set. The Pokémon of the second set are more prone to use "Poison". Those on the third set tend to use "Burn" more, etc. etc. The tendencies of the Pokémon will change from set to set.